# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the development projects under execution in the North Eastern States including Sikkim under the environment and forests schemes, State-wise;

(b) the present status of each of such project;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on these projects, project-wise; and

(d) the time schedule for completion of these projects?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) & (b) The details of the budgetary support and funds released for the 19 Schemes of this Ministry under execution in the North-Eastern States including Sikkim are shown in the statementat Annexure I. The detailed notes indicating the status of the major 17 Projects is at Annexure II.

(c) & (d) The further release of funds for the Projects depends on the receipt of project proposals from the implementing Agencies; most of the Projects are of a continuing nature.

ANEXTURE-II

Brief on the Development Programmes Implemented in North East during 1999-2000

North Eastern Region has strategical position with regard to bio-diversity, ecology, geo-morphology, varied topography, international boundary and minerals. The region is very rich in endemic species and one of the 18 identified hot spots of bio-diversity in the world. It is also one of the two identified hot spots of India. The region is also rich in wild relatives of agricultural plants and rich in citrus genepool. In view of the abundance of natural resources and growing local needs, it is imperative that the development of this region should be in accordance with the principles of sustainable development and harmony with nature. Keeping above in view the Ministry of Environment and Forests implements a number of schemes in the North East. The status of these schemes during 1999-2000 is as follows: -

1. Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEP)

This scheme is 100% Centrally sponsored scheme and being implemented in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya and Sikkim. The funds released for these States during 1998-99 were to the tune of Rs. 718.08 lakhs and Rs.921.18 during 1999-2000.

2. Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme (AOFFP)

This scheme is under implementation in 41 district viz. 9 in Arunachal Pradesh, 14 in Assam, 4 in Manipur, 7 in Nagaland, 3 in Tripura and 2 each in Meghalaya, Mizoram and Sikkim. The State of Meghalaya has an unspent balance of Rs. 58.16 Lakh. The total release of funds was Rs. 529.21 lakhs during 1998-99 and Rs. 477.84 during 1999-2000.

3. Non-Timber Forest Produce Scheme (NTFP)
The scheme covers whole of North East States. It has a special focus on tribal population for whom NTFP is an important source of livelihood. It is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme. An amount of Rs.179.70 Lakh was released during 1998-99 and Rs. 281.64 during 1999-2000.

4. Tree and Pasture Seed Development Scheme

This scheme is a 100 % Centrally sponsored scheme being implemented in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Nagaland. An amount of Rs.33.26 Lakh was released in 1998-1999. Meghalaya and Mizoram failed to submit proposals despite repeated efforts. Rs. 15.00 lakhs was released in favour of Nagaland & Tripura during 1999-2000.

5. Regional Centres:

North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, one of the seven Regional Centres of NAEB, provides Technical and Training assistance to all States of North East. A work Programme for conducting 6 Training Programmes, one workshop and two studies was sanctioned during 1998-99 releasing an amount of Rs. 17.12 Lakh, Rs. 10.33 lakhs was released during 1999-2000.

6. Grant-in-Aid Scheme
A substantial number of project proposals from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) from the States of Manipur, Meghalaya and Nagaland were received and appropriate decisions were taken. Rs.21.33 Lakh were released under this scheme during 1998-99 and Rs. 56.16 lakhs was released during 1999-2000.

7. Conservation of Freshwater Bodies under National Wetland Conservation Programme.
In North East, three wetland have beenidentified, namely Loktak Lake from Manipur, Deepar Beel Wetland from Assam and Rudrasagar Lake from Tripura. Under this programme, an amount of Rs. 72.48 lakhs were released in 1998-99 and Rs. 114.24 lakhs were released during 1999-2000.

8. Environment, Education & Training

It has two main programmes, namely, Nationational Environment Awareness Campaign and Eco-Clubs. Funds are not released directly to any centers in N.E. States. Under this programme, an amount of Rs. 27.44 lakhs were released.

9. Assistance for Abatement of Pollution
The scheme provide financial assistance to strengthen the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Committees including N.E. State Pollution Control Boards in terms of enhancement of technical manpower and strengthening of laboratories with latest equipments. During 1998-99, an amount of Rs. 36.15 lakhs was released and Rs.67.40 lakhs was released during 1999-2000.

10. Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries

The States of Meghalaya and Tripura have not submitted any project proposal.Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 164.04 lakhs during 1998-99 and Rs. 126.67 released during 1999-2000.

11. Eco Development Around Important Protective Areas

Project proposal has not been received from the State of Meghalaya, hence, funds could not be released.For other States an amount of Rs. 89.11 lakhs was released during 1998-99. During 1999-2000, an amount of Rs. 147.78 lakhs was released.

12. Biosphere Reserves

There are 10 biosphere reserves in India of which 4 are located in North East States. These are : Nokrek in Meghalaya, Manas and Dibru-Saikhowa in Assam and Dehang-Debang in Arunachal Pradesh. Funds are being provided to the respective State Governments for conservation and management of these biosphere reserves. The release of funds under this scheme was Rs. 59.50 lakhs during 1998-99 and Rs.30.16 lakhs released during 1999-2000.

13. Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of Degraded Forest on Usufruct Sharing Basis Scheme.

During the 9th Plan, this scheme was extended to the North East Region also. Project Proposals from the States of Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura were received and a sum of Rs.26.46 lakhs was released to them during 1998-99. Rs. 60.52 lakhs were released during 1999-2000.

14. National Natural Resource Management System.

The main objective of National Natural Resource Management System (NNRMS) is utilisation of remote sensing technology with conventional methods for the management of natural resources such as land, water, forests, minerals, oceans etc. for attaining sustainable development. During 1998-99 the on-going project in Arunachal Pradesh is `Delineation of Shifting cultivation areas & forest cover mapping in eastern region of Arunachal Pradesh using Remote Sensing data` at a total outlay of Rs. 3.93 lakhs.An amount of Rs.1.14 lakhs was released as 3rd instalment in 1998-99.

A new project titled `Watershed Prioritization of Bank Basin using GIS & Remote Sensing Techniques` was sanctioned at a total outlay of Rs.5.73 lakhs. An amount of Rs. 1.83 lakhs was released as Ist instalment. Rs. 5.97 were released during 1999-2000.

15. Environmental Research

Research projects are funded in multidisciplinary aspects of environment protection, conservation and management at various universities, research and development institutions and reputed Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) of the country.9 research projects were supported at the expenditure of Rs. 28.31 lakhs and the findings of research will be communicated to the agencies as soon as these are available.

16. Environmental Impact Assessment

For North East, a regional office of the Ministry of Environment and Forestsat Shillong scrutinizes the monitoring reports, review the implementation and make a site visit, if necessary.

17. Bio-Diversity

The Ministry of Environment & Forests has been examining the feasibility of setting-up an Institute of Bio-diversity in Arunachal Pradesh with the explicit mission of conservation, sustainable utilisation and generation of models for fair and equitable sharing of benefit with the communities and other Stake holders. The expert group has submitted its reports in regard to mandate, structure, discipline and location of the institute. The said report is under active consideration of the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

The Scheme-wise and State-wise details of funds allocated and released to N.E. States during 1999-2000

(Rs. In Lakhs)

| Sl.No. | Name of Schemes | Arunachal | | Assam | | Manipur | | Meghalaya | | Mizoram | | Nagaland | | Tripura | | Sikkim | | Total | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Allo. | Rel. | Allo. | Rel. | Allo. | Rel. | Allo. | Rel. | Allo. | Rel. | Allo. | Rel. | Allo. | Rel. | Allo. | Rel. | Allo. | Rel. |
| 1. | IAEP | 61.04 | 47.87 | 83.95 | 67.15 | 468.73 | 468.73 | 13.61 | 10.21 | 147.66 | 141.03 | 59.68 | 38.60 | 94.24 | 37.77 | 187.38 | 109.82 | 1116.29 | 921.18 |

2. AOFFP 9.69 7.00 182.50 89.69 214.19 127.54 29.95 0.00 180.05 173.22 19.44 10.87 106.77 0.00 68.52 69.52 811.11 477.84

3. NTFP 67.53 30.00 51.62 25.00 53.94 53.94 27.72 0.00 41.67 53.45 12.89 0.00 24.72 17.25 120.10 102.00 400.19 281.64

4. Seed Dev.Scheme 4.50 0.00 0.64 0.00 2.30 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 3.00 3.00 17.50 12.00 9.65 0.00 37.59 15.00

5. Support to Regl Cent 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 9.06 10.33 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 9.06 10.33
6. Grants to NGOs 0.00 8.50 0.00 0.00 0.00 24.67 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 22.99 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 56.16

7 Natl Wetland Constn 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 97.28 97.28 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 16.96 16.96 0.00 0.00 114.24 114.24

8. Envirnt.Edu&Trg 0.00 0.89 0.00 7.20 0.00 9.75 0.00 0.27 0.00 2.37 0.00 0.38 0.00 3.86 0.00 2.72 0.00 27.44

9. Abatement of Polltn 0.00 8.75 0.00 0.00 0.00 9.30 0.00 12.00 0.00 8.00 0.00 3.35 0.00 8.00 0.00 8.00 0.00 67.40
10. Dev of Natnl Parks 60.00 5.98 40.00 53.44 15.00 13.28 15.00 0.00 10.00 12.30 10.00 9.70 10.00 19.97 10.00 12.00 170.00 126.67
11. Eco-Dev Arnd Protd areas 11.82 32.00 - 10.11 - - 59.85 - 8.00 - 26.00 - 0.00 - 147.78 - -
12. Biosphere reserve 0.00 2.05 0.00 11.75 0.00 0.00 0.00 12.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 4.36 0.00 30.16
13. Res and Dev. 27.30 5.70 29.60 3.90 11.60 3.60 6.80 0.50 6.20 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 81.50 13.70
14. Assn.of STs&Rural Poor 8.18 8.18 0.00 0.00 26.33 26.33 0.00 0.00 18.02 18.02 17.51 0.00 14.16 8.00 0.00 0.00 84.19 60.52
15. Assist to Bot Gardens 0.00 7.50 0.00 0.00 0.00 5.50 0.00 4.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 3.00 0.00 6.50 0.00 26.50
16. Natl Natural Res Mgnt 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 9.52 5.97 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 9.52 5.97
17. Project Tiger 20.50 87.29 21.43 0.00 129.22 - - - - - - - - - - -
18. Project Elephant 40.00 19.30 50.00 25.15 0.00 0.00 40.00 20.63 0.00 0.00 15.00 40.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 145.00 105.08
19. Indian Institute of Bio-Diversity - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 0.00 0.00

TOTAL 278.24 184.04 438.31 402.57 898.89 856.00 142.14 69.94 403.60 489.67 137.52 146.89 284.35 126.81 395.65 340.92 2978.69 2616.84